

Cross-examined by J. O'Halloran, Esq., Q. C., on behalf of John M. Sager and Elmyra Fuller.

I understand prisoner Myra Fuller has a step-mother. I have understood it was not pleasant for Myra to live at home. The first time I knew Myra, was when I found her living at prisoner Sager's at Pigeon Hill. At the time I hired Myra, she had not finished her time at prisoner Sager's, but at my intimation that I wanted a girl, they agreed to relinquish their claim for the balance of the time she was obliged to serve, in order that she might come and live with us, thus accommodating Mrs. Montgomery and myself as well as providing a good place for Myra. They seemed to be friendly towards her. She was frequently going backwards and forwards between my place and Sager's. I could not say that she made Sager's place her home. Her father, on one occasion, came and took her home, during the time she lived with us. I have no knowledge she went to her father at any other time; she had proposed to go again this summer; but she frequently went to Sager's; she would go there sometime during the week, and remain till Sunday, and very frequently went there on Sundays. I used to take her to Sager's occasionally. Occasionally I would take Mrs. Sager home from church and Myra would walk home with Sager. Sager's place is nearly half a mile from the church at Pigeon Hill. Mrs. Sager appears to be a heavy woman and one would reasonably suppose that a lady of her age and size could not walk as readily as a young woman. I think, on an average, Myra used to visit Sager as often as once a fortnight. Mrs. Sager as well as Mr. Sager used to call and see Myra at the Parsonage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sager appeared to take a great interest in her. I was told that in July 1871, Sager and his wife called at the Parsonage to see Myra. Until after the lapse of the first nine months we suspected nothing; after that we commenced to suspect something was wrong, that is, that Myra had had criminal connection with prisoner Sager. (It was after July, 1871, that I began to entertain these suspicions.) I did not mention my suspicions to Myra, prisoner Sager or any other person. I did not mention them to any one, till I mentioned them to Myra herself in February 1872. It was on that occasion she made a full confession to me, and in that confession, she admitted that she had had carnal connection with Sager. I said nothing about that confession, I was not at liberty to do it. I only once told him that his conduct towards Myra was strange, and required explanations; this remark was made to prisoner Sager at my place, and during the time Myra was at Swanton; he had apparently come for the purpose of inquiring after Myra.

I made no mention of the confession Myra made to me to any one, not even to my wife. The prisoner Sager was a communicant at my church; I think he communicated in the church at Easter Communion. I had no assurance from Sager, that he had ceased his connection with Myra. At the time Myra made her confession to me, Sager was the people's church-warden. At the Easter meeting following, I